

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 4, 12 and 16 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 11-15 and 17-24 are cancelled without prejudice herein. Claims 2, 5, 7, 9, 25 and 26 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 2-3, 5-10, 25-26 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein electronically disclosing said stored pharmaceutical counseling to said patient comprises:~~ A method for providing pharmaceutical information to a patient, said method comprising:
dispensing a pharmaceutical product having an electronically identifiable tag associated with said pharmaceutical product;
electronically reading said electronically identifiable tag of said pharmaceutical product to identify said pharmaceutical product;
prompting said patient with a selective opportunity to accept or decline prescription counseling by interacting with an electronic input device;
wherein said patient selects to accept said prescription counseling by step-wise interactively, retrieving electronically stored pharmaceutical information about said pharmaceutical product in increasingly detailed information comprising:
special directions;
precautions;
other drug interactions;
adverse side effects; and or
actions to be taken in event a dose is missed; and
electronically disclosing said stored pharmaceutical information visually and/or audibly counseling to said patient comprising:

electronically prompting said patient with a first message, wherein said first message provides said patient with an interactive choice of accepting or declining said pharmaceutical counseling; and wherein said pharmaceutical counseling is electronically disclosed to said patient upon said patient interactively choosing to accept said pharmaceutical counseling, based upon said information derived from said electronic identification of said pharmaceutical product, or wherein no pharmaceutical information is electronically disclosed to said patient upon said patient interactively choosing to decline said pharmaceutical counseling; and a historical record is established for the patient counseling interaction.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising: electronically prompting said patient with a second message at each step of interactively retrieving electronically stored pharmaceutical information which provides said patient with an interactive option to speak with a pharmacist; and wherein said patient interactively interrupts retrieving electronically stored pharmaceutical information to accept or decline said option to speak with a pharmacist.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein said electronic input device comprises a touch-screen display, a microphone or a keyboard.

6. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, further comprising electronically creating an electronic log of said interaction of said patient.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, further comprising said patient providing a signature and electronically recording said signature of said patient.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 3, further comprising electronically notifying said pharmacist of said option selected by said patient to speak with said pharmacist.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein electronically disclosing said stored pharmaceutical counseling further comprises an act selected from the group consisting of: electronically displaying said stored pharmaceutical counseling to said patient on an electronic visual display, printing said stored pharmaceutical counseling on a print medium, generating a voice message reciting said stored pharmaceutical counseling, and combinations thereof.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 2, wherein electronically prompting said patient with said first message is selected from the group consisting of: electronically displaying said first message to said patient on an electronic visual display, printing said first message on a print medium, generating a voice message reciting said first message, and combinations thereof.

11-24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, further comprising storing the patient's selection of accepting or declining the prescription counseling.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein said prescription counseling ~~comply~~ complies with state law requirements for prescription counseling.